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SUBJECT: EGYPTIAN PRESS UNLOADS ON SOVIETS AND CUBANS

1. IN CAMPAIGN TIMED TO COINCIDE WITH SADAT'S SPEECH TO OAU SUMMIT, EGYPTIAN PRESS JULY 19 DEVOTED INORDINATE SPACE TO SOVIET AND CUBAN MACHINATIONS IN AFRICA AND MIDDLE EAST. SADAT CONFIDANT ANIS MANSOUR, WRITING IN

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AHRAM, CHARGED SOVIETS WITH SEEKING MALLEABLE PUPPET IN LIBYAN AND SYRIAN REGIMES. SOVIETS BEGAN PROCESS, SAID MANSOUR, ONCE SOVIETS REALIZED SADAT IS NOT THEIR MAN.

2. SADAT, RECOGNIZING SOVIET INTENTIONS, DISSOLVED CENTRAL SECURITY FORCE SHORTLY AFTER ASSUMING POWER TO PREVENT FORCE FROM PLAYING ROLE NATIONAL GUARDS ASSUMED IN

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AFGHANISTAN AND YEMEN COUPS, ACCORDING TO MANSOUR.

3. MANSOUR CLAIMED EGYPT COULD HAVE OCCUPIED LIBYA WITHOUT INCURRING INTERNATIONAL IRE. SYRIA, AFTER ALL, ENTERED LEBANON AND IS STILL THERE (IMPLICITLY AS OCCUPYING POWER). ACCORDING MANSOUR, SOVIETS NOW HAVE "ENTERED" LIBYA, ANGOLA, ZAIRE, HORN OF AFRICA, YEMEN AND AFGHANISTAN "MOUNTED ON THE BACKS OF CUBANS AND EAST GERMANS."

4. MANSOUR WARNED ARAB GULF STATES AGAINST THREAT OF GUEST WORKERS COUP. WORKERS FROM IRAN, PAKISTAN, AFGHANISTAN, YEMEN AND PALESTINIANS NOW CONSTITUTE MAJORITY AND ARE READY TO REVOLT AGAINST RICH MINORITY.

5. THREE DAYS EARLIER, MANSOUR'S OCTOBER MAGAZINE ALSO HIT SOVIET/CUBAN INFILTRATION OF AFRICA AND ARAB STATES, WHILE CRITICIZING LACK OF U.S. CONCERN. MAGAZINE QUOTED SHAH AND EMIR SAUD AL FAISAL AS SAYING USG PREVENTED THEM FROM SUPPLYING SOMALIA WITH U.S.-ORIGIN MILITARY AID.

6. JULY 19 AKHER SA'A DWELT AT LENGTH ON "SECRETS" OF SOVIET/CUBAN INTERVENTION IN AFRICA. INTERVENTION, SAID MAGAZINE, AIMED AT DRAINING AFRICAN WEALTH AND INTERFERING IN STATES' INTERNAL POLITICS. MAGAZINE CLAIMS 15,000 CUBAN SOLDIERS STATIONED ON CONTINENT. SCARRITT
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